

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A thermoplastic resin composition comprising 60 to 96.7 parts by weight of (A) an ionomer wherein 20 to 90% of carboxyl group of ethylene/(meth)acrylic acid copolymer is neutralized by metal ion; 0.3 to 10 parts by weight of (B) a copolymer of ethylene or  $\alpha$ -olefin, containing glycidyl (meth)acrylate or unsaturated glycidyl ether, optionally further containing vinyl ester or unsaturated carboxylic acid ester; and 3 to 30 parts by weight of (C) propylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer.

2. (Original) The thermoplastic resin composition according to claim 1, wherein at least part of metal ion in the ionomer (A) is divalent metal ion.

3. (Original) A process for manufacturing the thermoplastic resin composition described in claim 1, which is characterized by melt-blending the ionomer (A) with melt-blended mixture of (B) the copolymer of ethylene or  $\alpha$ -olefin, containing glycidyl (meth)acrylate or glycidyl unsaturated ether, or optionally further containing vinyl ester or unsaturated carboxylic acid ester and (C) the propylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer.

4. (Currently Amended) A molded article comprising the thermoplastic resin composition described in ~~Claims 1 or~~ claim 2.

5. (Original) The molded article according to claim 4, wherein the molded article is a surface material for a multi-layer material.

6. (Original) A multi-layer material comprising the surface material described in claim 5 laminated onto a mono-layer substrate or a multi-layer substrate.

7. (Original) The multi-layer material according to claim 6, wherein at least a part of the substrate is a foamed layer.

8. (New) A molded article comprising the thermoplastic resin composition described in claim 1.

9. (New) The molded article according to claim 8, wherein the molded article is a surface material for a multi-layer material.

10. (New) A multi-layer material comprising the surface material described in claim 9 laminated onto a mono-layer substrate or a multi-layer substrate.

11. (New) The multi-layer material according to claim 10, wherein at least a part of the substrate is a foamed layer.